Trade Policy Forum, where issues of bi-lateral trade interest are considered, import of motorcycles having engine capacity of over 800 cc meeting Euro III emission norms has been permitted into India while the United States have allowed import of mangoes from India.

Increase in share of business sector in GDP

†4448. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that share of business sector in Gross Domestic Product in the country increased during 2000 to 2006 continuously;

(b) if so, the rate of average annual increase during the above period;

(c) whether the percentage of profit in the said sector also increased alongwith expansion of this sector; and

(d) if so, the likely percentage in average annual profit likely to increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Separate data on the share of business sector in GDP is not available with Central Statistical Organization (CSO). However, data available on contribution of organized sector in the Net Domestic Product (NDP) indicates that the share of organized sector has increased from 39.6 per cent in 2000-01 to 42.0 per cent in 2004-05.

(b) The average annual growth rate of organized sector during 2000-01 to 2004-05 was 11.2 per cent.

(c) and (d) The share of operating surplus (which consists of rent, interest and profits) in the NDP increased from 37.4 per cent in 2000-01 to 46.2 per cent in 2004-05.

Review of iron ore export policy

4449. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government have, of late, reviewed and revised the iron ore exports policy, in view of the latest protests against iron ore exports;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) what steps are being envisaged to meet the growing needs of the domestic steel industry and to keep ore exports in tune with demands of the domestic steel industry's growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing iron ore export policy regulates and promotes judicious use of iron ore for domestic purpose and export of surplus quantity. Production of iron ore is in excess of current domestic demand. Besides, the surplus iron ore fines, produced during mining as well as sizing and calibrating lumpy ore has to be envacuated through enabling exports as there is meagre demand for it by domestic steel industry. Its accumulation would lead to curtailment of production resulting in unemployment predominantly in tribal areas, increased cost of production, reduction in economic activities and export earnings in addition to causing environmental hazards.

Funds for floriculture export

4450. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a special fund to boost exports of floriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to develop this sector in Orissa, to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.